

CARRIERS FORCED TO HIKE ROUTES FOLLOWING FIRE

Postoffice Automobiles Destroyed in the Hendrick Garage.

Automobile mail collector and delivery in Washington, so auspiciously inaugurated last December, has received a temporary setback, through the fire in the David S. Hendrick garage. It was necessary to put foot service on two of the automobile routes when the first delivery was started this morning. One of the three autos, the one on the Washington Heights run, covering the far northern section, was not damaged and started out as usual this morning. It required eight men to cover the routes heretofore handled in the northwest by the other two machines. These men were drawn from other sections, and as a consequence, there was a more or less general slackening in the recent speedy collections and deliveries, that made a record for the local office in the Christmas rush.

Estimates Place Loss in Hendrick Garage At About \$10,000

Fire Marshal Nicholson today estimated the damage done by fire last night to the automobile salesroom and garage of David S. Hendrick, in the Builders' Exchange building, H street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets northwest, at \$10,000.

Of this amount, the fire marshal places the damage to five automobiles, including two buses used by the city postoffice for collecting mail, at \$8,800. The damage to the building was \$1,200.

The fire started shortly before 11 o'clock, and was caused by "back fire" from one of the mail buses igniting the gasoline in the building. William Crocker, the driver, was cranking the car at the time. The flames spread so rapidly that there was no opportunity to get any of the automobiles out, although two other men were working in the garage at the time.

At the time the fire started about 150 members of the Builders' Exchange and delegates to the convention of the National Association of Five Automobiles Exchanges were enjoying a buffet supper on the second floor of the building, directly over the automobile establishment. As soon as they discovered that the building was on fire, they took their coats and hats and hastily left the hall.

When the fire started, Crocker who had been cranking the machine, ran to the salesroom in the front part of the building. The front door was locked, and the flames cut off all means of escape in the rear. He was almost overcome by smoke when Michael Payne, a colored helper, ran around to the front, broke the glass in the door, and got him out.

Two new automobiles in the salesroom were not damaged. Insurance covers the entire loss.

The one-story frame store of Louis Alexander, in Fifteenth street, Lincolnville, was destroyed by fire last night. The loss was about \$1,000. No one was in the store when the fire started. An overheated chimney is believed to have caused the blaze.

Navy Sends Three Vessels to Reserve

The Navy Department today announced that the cruiser Salem would relieve the Wabash at the Boston Navy Yard as receiving ship; that the Denver would relieve the Independence at Mare Island, Cal., and that the Indiana would relieve the Lancaster at Philadelphia.

The Salem, Denver and Indiana go into the reserve fleet of the navy and the Wabash, Independence and Lancaster will either be sold for junk or turned over to patriotic organizations.

Police Seek "Joy Rider."

Search is being made by the police of the Tenth precinct today for an unidentified "joy rider" who stole the automobile of E. A. Thomas, of the Thomas apartment house, from in front of the Kenesaw apartments last night and wrecked it at Sixteenth and Irving streets. About \$50 damage was done to the machine.

Reports Room Ransacked.

John D. West, of 1117 Clifton street northwest, has reported to the police of the Tenth precinct that his home was broken into and ransacked, but nothing stolen. The house was entered during the absence of members of the family yesterday afternoon by forcing the basement door.

A Happier To-Morrow

will be yours if to-night you will seek the beneficial aid of the famous and ideal family remedy Beecham's Pills. Nervous depression, or the "blues," is one of the symptoms of a condition quickly corrected by the reliable and quick-acting

BEECHAM'S PILLS

When the system is clogged—the bowels and liver and kidneys inactive—then the digestion is sure to be impaired and the nerves to lose their tone. Beecham's Pills induce the organs of digestion to work properly and thus this unrivaled medicine has a tonic effect upon the whole system. Beecham's Pills do not vary—they act always in accordance with their great reputation; mildly and safely but quickly. In every way—in feelings, looks and vigor—a better condition Beecham's Pills

Assure You

Sold everywhere, 10c. 25c. The directions with every box are very helpful

Writer in Munsey's Talks of Wall Street

"If Wall Street has provided counter for the speculative game—and most regretfully, it offers full facilities for playing that game—it has also provided billions of the world," writes John Grant Dater in an article in the Munsey for March, entitled "The Stock Exchange and the Public." "It has furnished the good stocks and bonds that support the great fiduciary trust, the life insurance companies, the savings banks, and countless endowed charitable and educational institutions.

"It seems a shame that a thing so beneficial to the community as a public security market, when under proper control, should be made to appear as a great gambling institution publicly licensed, where men are popularly supposed to practice the tricks of the

Four Congressmen Note Their Birthdays Today

Four members of Congress celebrate their birthday today. There is Congressman Julius Kahn, who was born at Kuppenheim, in the grand duchy of Baden, in 1861, but who moved with his parents to California shortly afterward. Also there is S. W. McCall, of Massachusetts, born February 28, 1851. Congressman J. J. Johnson, of Spartanburg, S. C., was born on this day, 1858, and his colleague, Congressman David Edward Finley, of Yorkville, S. C., was born in 1861.

John O. White, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, is forty-two years old today. Both Geraldine Farrar and W. Bourke Cockran were born on the same date, Miss Farrar, grand opera singer, is

Mrs. R. M. Gardner Buried

Mrs. Raynet M. Gardner, who died at her home in Dorchester, Va., Monday, was buried in Rock Creek Cemetery this morning at 11 o'clock. The funeral was held in the parlors of J. Clements, undertaker, 1231 Wisconsin avenue northwest, at 10:30 o'clock. Mrs. Gardner at one time lived in Georgetown.

Boy Scouts Will Give Demonstration of Work

A program of Boy Scout activities demonstrating what the members of this organization are taught will be given Friday night at the Ninth Street Christian Church, Ninth and D streets northeast, by the troop of that church. The troop prides itself on being the banner troop of Washington, having given a special demonstration February 3 before President Taft, Ambassador Bryce, and Lieutenant General Baden-Powell.

There are twenty-five boys in the troop. The program will include tent staking, preparation of a camp dinner, first aid demonstrations, a repetition of the Baden-Powell review, games, and scout activities, and preparations for night camp. The officers of this organization are: T. R. Fitch, scoutmaster; W. A. E. Wood, assistant scoutmaster; Dr. E. T.

Boy Scouts to Go On "Hike" Saturday

The Boy Scout troop of the Grover Cleveland School will go on a hike Saturday under the direction of Assistant Scout Commissioner Embury. Starting from Eighth and T streets the boys will strike the Potomac road and go to that suburb across the Anacostia. They will then drop down to the Ridge road and follow it to the boundary of the District, possibly going into Maryland on trailing practice. About thirty boys will make the trip.

Stephenson, medical instructor; Ernest Elwood, secretary; treasurer, Arne Carpenter; Charles Starnell, William Thomason, patrol leaders.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Has made itself welcome in the homes of the people the world over, by its great usefulness in all blood diseases and run-down conditions. Get it today in usual liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsatebs.

Proposal No. 1.

Prices say buy dress goods

The Dress Goods Store has planned for an unusual day's selling—proposals like this are only possible in an event like this—and at Kann's.

\$1 CREAM STORM SERGES, 60 inches wide, all wool, crisp and wavy quality; for one day only, yard	69c	\$1 DIAGONAL SERGES, 44 inches wide, all worsted in the new spring shades; one day only, a yard	69c
\$1.25 NAVY BLUE STORM SERGE, 60 and 54 inches wide, in dark and medium shades; one day only, a yard	79c	46-INCH GRAY MIXED SUITINGS, in a broad variety of styles, including checks, overplaid, and mixtures; one day only, a yard	25c

Dress Goods Store—Street Floor.

Proposal No. 2.

THIS COUPON for a Spring Quarterly Style Book of Ladies' Home Journal Patterns.

Pattern Store—Street Floor.

and 5c



Proposal No. 3.

THIS COUPON for Sanitol Tooth Powder or Paste.

Only one box to a customer.

and 8c

Toilet Goods Store—Street Floor.

Proposal No. 4.

12 1/2c NEW PERCALES

One day only, yd. 7 1/2c

The real 12 1/2c qualities, and in the new 1912 designs of stripes, checks and dots, and in the prettiest of colorings. It is A YARD WIDE. It goes on sale tomorrow only at 7 1/2c a yard. There will be a crowd for this percale, we know.

Read the following values, too:

SILK STRIPE VOILES, in white, tan, brown, gray, lavender, navy, pink, light blue, wistaria, and black; a real rich-appearing fabric. 27 inches wide. Regular 25c. Tomorrow only, a yd.	18c	GINGHAMS in colorings of gray, rose, light blue, Dutch blue, navy, gray, brown, and black. 27 inches wide. 10c yard value. For tomorrow only, a yd.	5 1/2c	NATURAL COLOR LINEN SUITINGS, every thread linen and a YARD WIDE. Sells regularly and readily at 12c a yard. For tomorrow only, a yd.	12 1/2c
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Wash Goods Store.

Proposal sale--once in 4 year opportunity

Leap Year Items so powerful in value giving as hardly probable of duplication for another 4 years **Feb. 29th**

We Propose to make tomorrow, February 29th, one of the red letter days in our history by proposing to you items of such sterling worth in new merchandise, right at the opening of the season—that to miss them will be like losing money. Each section of the store proposes an offering for the one day only of a wanted article at a price that forbids competition—prices you will instantly recognize as impossible of duplication anywhere and that even we will hardly quote again in another four years. Interested, are you not? Then read below.

Proposal No. 5.

\$3.95 real "Gaby" hats \$2.25

One day special at

This is the most popular hat brought out for early spring wear. That is the reason we take tomorrow to offer it at the ridiculously low price of \$2.25. Covered with Satin Silk with large waterproof maline bows perched in a jaunty position, the whole effect being a very stunning one.

Choice of colors such as rose, gray, purple, brown, navy and black. The price today is \$3.95—tomorrow and tomorrow only it will be \$2.25.

NEW STRAW SAILOR HATS—Latest shapes, in colors of brown, navy, burnt, white, red, and black; finished with velvet band. Price today, \$2.50. Tomorrow only will be the price **\$1.50**

Millinery Store—2nd floor.

Proposal No. 6.

35c Embroideries a yard one day only 18c

Swiss and Nainsook all-over embroideries, in a large range of the newest patterns, good widths. Buy for waists, dresses, trimmings, or a hundred other uses, and buy tomorrow, because tomorrow only will you be able to get it for 18c a yard, the day after, it goes back to the same price at which it is marked today, 35c a yard.

25c to 50c Valenciennes insertions, in assorted patterns, sold by the dozen yards tomorrow **15c** a piece of 12 yards.

Lace and Embroidery Store—Street Floor.

Proposal No. 7.

Ribbons, 11c yd. Values 25c to 45c yd.

Think of it. We propose tomorrow to sell ribbons in widths 5 1/2 to 7 inches, and in plain taffeta, moire, satin or dresden effects, at 11c a yard.

Then too, all the late colors are shown, such as primrose, emerald green, Dutch blue, and the staple light blues, whites, pinks, navies, browns, tans, and black.

Such ribbons would sell for 25c to 45c a yard ordinarily. They are not on sale today at any price, as they represent a specially priced lot secured from the mill. Tomorrow they will be on sale—and for Thursday only at **11c** a yard.

Bargain Tables—Street Floor.

Proposal No. 8.

What woman can resist these silks?

Handsomest of the new spring beauties; 7,000 yards only at these prices for the one day's selling. Read what 25c and 35c will buy, then see the silks tomorrow.

60c to 75c Satin Foulards, 25 to 26 inches wide, new designs and colorings such as black, green, rose, gray, navy, Copenhagen, black, and white with plenty of polka dots.	75c All Silk Demi-Rough Pongees, in navy, white, and black, 26 inches wide and all silk.	60c Natural Color Pongees, for dresses, underwear, and men's shirts. 36 inches wide.	50c Taffeta Silks in about twenty different color combinations mostly in stripe effects, with plenty of the black and white stripes so much in demand; 19 inches wide.	50c Tub Silks , imported and domestic, in light and dark grounds. 25 good colors to select from. Silk Store, Street floor.
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One day only **39c** yard

One day only **29c** yard

Proposal No. 9.

For one day, February 29th only

Your Choice Our Entire Stock.

Women's 25c neckwear 20c

For this event at

Nothing is excepted in this broad and sweeping reduction, as an extra proposal tomorrow—

SILK, LEN, OR LACE.

Rabats, Embroidered Collars, Spanish Collars, Round Lace Collars, 4-in-bands, Silk Bows, Lace Bows, Roses, Windsor Ties, Lace Stocks, Rocking by the Yard or Box.

Any neckpiece in the stock marked 25c for only 20c—opportunity not yours to think.

Neckwear Store, Street Floor.

Proposal No. 10.

Sensational Offer—About One-Half Price for THIS SEASON'S NOBBIEST TAILOR-MADE SUITS

Average selling price \$30.00, **\$15.00** Choice for one day only.

This we think one of the most sensational offerings our Suit Store has ever proposed. We have selected **193 SUITS—NO MORE TO SELL AT \$15.00**

Best models of the season—similar styles have been selling all week at \$24.75 to \$34.75, or an average price of \$30.00. Newest fabrics and colorings, styles varying from plain tailored to elaborately trimmed effects. Be here early and make a substantial saving in your new spring suit. Every size, if you are here early enough in the day.

Suit Store—Second Floor.

Proposal No. 11.

39c bleached sheets 25c

For one day only.

Isn't this an eye-opener for value giving? Bleached sheets, size 54 by 90 inches, for single beds, in pretty, finished with 3-in. hem, for 25c. These sheets sell today for 39c. We will not accept phone orders at this price tomorrow of 25c. They are well worth a trip to the store to buy.

BLEACHED SHEETING—3-4 width; free from dressing. Sold today at 25c a yard. Tomorrow only at a yard.

CROCHET SPREADS—Full double bed size; Marseilles pattern. Sell today for \$1.25. Tomorrow only at **89c**

Domestic Store—Street Floor.

Proposal No. 12.

50c and 59c Cork linoleum

One day only **28c** square yd.

Not remnants, but CUT FROM FULL ROLLS. Not restricted to one pattern, but have choice of four or more of the choicest designs of our 25c to 59c linoleums—the mosaic, or conventional designs; effects suitable for almost any floor-covering. Two yards wide, and you save about half price tomorrow.

Floor Coverings—3d floor.

Proposal No. 14.

50c coat chains, One day only 19c

Long coat chains, gold plated, fine link, set with amethyst, topaz, and sapphire.

50c Lavaliers, German silver chain, sterling silver pendants, assorted styles; **29c** choice for one day only at

75c Earrings, pierceless style, gold filled, pendant drop set with amethyst, topaz, sapphire, and white stones. **50c** Choice.

25c Jewelry, consisting of brooch and bar pins, belt pins, collar pins, in black, and gold plate, three on a card; special **7c** at

Jewelry Store—Street Floor.

Proposal No. 15.

\$1.98 Handbags One day only 85c

These Hand Bags are made of the best quality of goat seal leather, metal frames, gold or silver plated, leather lined, and fitted with purse. What woman will not hail this opportunity to secure one at less than half price tomorrow.

Leather Goods Store—Street Floor.

Proposal No. 17.

\$1 "safety" fountain pen One day only 66c

A fountain pen that can be carried in any position and will not leak. A limited quantity offered in tomorrow's sale. Also full gold mounted, and gold filigree mounted pens, the mountings consisting of one-enth stock. These pens are covered with the Broad "Kann Guarantee" to give satisfaction. Write here at any time FREE of charge.

Stationery Store—Street Floor.

Proposal No. 19.

18c white India linon One day only, a yd. 10c

Fine and sheer, and 40 inches wide, an exceptional quality, and just the thing for children's and women's dresses and waists for summer wear. Buy now, even though you may not want to make it up until later.

2c White Voile, 45 inches wide, a very fine grade, you can buy tomorrow at, 3d.

White Goods Store—Street Floor.

Proposal No. 21.

\$4.00 Japanese matting rugs \$1.77

One day

SIZE: 9x12 ft. They are all PERFECT rugs, close woven, in pretty, cheerful colorings. Patterns are stenciled in attractive oriental and floral designs, some two-toned effects in red, among them. This grade of matting, if bought by the yard would cost more than the complete rug will tomorrow. Besides these are bordered all around, as are the expensive wool rugs. No phone orders.

Floor Covering Store—3d floor.

Proposal No. 13.

50c silk gloves One day only 29c

Just right for wear now—and later. These are Women's All Pure Silk Gloves, double finger tipped, 2-clasp, in white, gray, and tan. Sell today for 50c; tomorrow only at 29c a pair. Glove Store—street floor.

Proposal No. 16.

\$1.98 to \$2.49 LACE CURTAINS One day only, a pair \$1.23

At a price tomorrow that is practically lower than the cost of the bare net alone. These are small lots gathered together, including curtains with pretty, dainty bordered designs; a large assortment of sizes in red grounds, also in blues, greens, rose, champagne, etc. If you need within the next four years—BUY ANY TOMORROW.

Lace Curtains—Third floor.

Proposal No. 18.

59c drapery or kimono silk A yd., one day only 37 1/2c

Good quality China silks, today's price 59c a yard—tomorrow's 37 1/2c a yard—back again the day after to regular price. These are in rich designs, mostly Cheney's celebrated silks; a large assortment of sizes in red grounds, also in blues, greens, rose, champagne, etc. If you need within the next four years—BUY ANY TOMORROW.

Drapery and Upholstery Store—Third Floor.

Proposal No. 20.

69c lining satin One day only, yd. 43c

36 inches is the width of this lining satin, and the quality is one that we especially recommend for its excellent wear. It has a good luster, and is in a good variety of colorings, as follows: All shades of gray, tan, light blue, navy, pink, old rose, wistaria, brown, green, white and black. You will want this for your new spring suit lining.

Lining Store—Street Floor.

Proposal No. 22.

17c hosiery thread 11c

One day only 11c

These Women's Silk Lisle Thread Hosiery at 11c a pair are seconds of the 25c quality, and we would ordinarily sell them for 15c a pair. Black only; seamless, high zipped heels, reinforced toes, deep garter top. The price of 11c a pair is for tomorrow only.

Hosiery Store—street floor.

Proposal No. 23.

Extra special free offer

As an added feature for tomorrow we will present FREE to every one calling at our Pattern Counter a copy of the

Pictorial Review Fashion Book

WINTER QUARTERLY.

We have made arrangements with the publishers whereby for this special day we can present it to you with our compliments.

It is of unquestionable value to the thrifty housewife as a medium of suggestions for the latest fashions in dress and every requirement for woman's wear.

ONE IS YOURS FOR THE ASKING.

Pattern Store—Street Floor.

Proposal No. 24.

29c Table damask A yard, one day only 19c

Mercedized Table Damask, 58 inches wide, a very fine quality.

Also the same quality in a 64-inch width, and worth 25c a yard, tomorrow at, a yd. **25c**

36c Dozen Cotton Disc Napkins, hemmed ready for use, one day only, a dozen. **28c**

Linens Store—Street Floor.

Proposal No. 25.

59c Umbrellas One day only 45c

50 Umbrellas, men's and women's sizes. They are termed "seconds," and are of a B grade, but if you have ever bought these "seconds" you will know that long before the umbrella was worn out you had forgotten that you had bought it for anything but first grade, so trifling are the imperfections. Made of good American taffeta cloth, steel rod, paragon frame, natural wood and fancy handles.

Umbrella Store—Street Floor.

Proposal No. 26.

Linene tailored shirts 50c

From our own stock. One day only. **50c**

How women will "jump" at the chance to buy these waists. They are just the style most in demand for everyday wear.

Made of good quality linene with the new "set-in" sleeves, French back, pocket at bust, laundered collar and cuffs. All sizes, too, 34 to 40—and collar sizes 12 1/2 to 14.

To assure the greatest number of women participating in this bargain event we shall limit the sale of two to any one buyer.

Remember the price for tomorrow only is 30c.

Waist Store—2d Floor.